

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Optical System, Position Detecting Apparatus, Magnetic Recording Apparatus, and Lens with Aperture the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on March 19, 1998 as
United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/045,149
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Not Claimed
<u>Pat. Appln. Hei 09-067,652</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>21/03/1997</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
<u>Pat. Appln. Hei 09-178,717</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>03/07/1997</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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